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The charge of assault brought by Lewis Ellis, A.B., against the first mate of the British barque *Mauney*, was again before Commander Sumner, at the Harbour Office, this morning, but owing to there having been no decision given as yet by His Excellency the Acting Governor with reference to a Marine Court of Inquiry, the case was again remanded until Monday morning, the 9th inst., at 10 o'clock. The plaintiff in the case was also absent.

A METHOD is described in *La Semaine des Constructeurs* for preserving cast iron from liability to rust, at the same time insuring a pleasing surface. In accomplishing this, the casting is first thoroughly cleaned, washed in dilute acid, and when dry, the surface is well rubbed with a metallic brush or a file, and then painted several coats with raw petroleum, care being taken that one coat be thoroughly dried before the next is applied. On the last coat becoming dry it is to be well rubbed with a stiff hair brush, the result being an attractive dull polish, capable of resisting a high degree of heat and not susceptible to any attack by rust. This condition may be definitely preserved and improved by the occasional application of a single coat of petroleum, followed by brushing.

MR. PETTIGREW, of South Carolina, was called for reparation as legal acumen. On one occasion, he entered the Court of Common Pleas, Abbeville District, clad in a linen summer suit. He had to take a jury suit at once, and, borrowing a black robe from a fellow-barrister, went at it. South Carolina has all the old English forms and fashions, and the Judge said, "Mr. Pettigrew, you have on a light coat. You cannot speak," Pettigrew replied, "May I please your Honor, I strictly conform to the law. Let me illustrate. The law says a barrister shall wear a black gown and coat, and your Honor thinks that means a black coat." "Yes," replied the Judge. "Well, the law also says that the sheriff shall wear a cocked hat and a sword. Does your Honor hold that the sword must be cocked as well as the hat?" Pettigrew was permitted to go on.

A RUSSIAN general of more energy than education, when in charge of the local military transport of a remote district in the South of Central Asia, not far from the borders of Afghanistan, began to consider the feasibility of employing elephants instead of horses or camels. He consulted an expert, and was rather startled to hear the latter rate the amount of an elephant's food and its probable cost, at a figure which seemed to him extravagantly high. "He must be joking," he whispered to the general in his secret. "Surely one elephant couldn't eat that!" "May I please your Excellency," answered the secretary, who was as full of learning as the general was devoid of it, and never lost a chance of dragging in a fine word, "it is a hyperbole." The word "hyperbole" was far beyond the comprehension of the worthy general; but he would rather have died than admit as much, and he rose to the emergency. "Ah, it is a hyperbole, is it?" said he, looking at his knowing as he could. "Well, that, of course, alters the matter. I am sure a hyperbole might be able to eat that amount, but I am sure an ordinary elephant couldn't."

ACCORDING to advices from Ching Chou, Hunan, a great fire raged over that city, commencing at 10 o'clock on the night of the 6th ultimo, and lasted until 5 o'clock on the afternoon of the next day. Part of the southern portion of the city wall was burnt down, causing the fire to extend without the city, into the suburbs. It is estimated that nearly twelve thousand houses have been burnt, and that about one hundred and seventy-five men, women and children lost their lives in the conflagration. Owing to fires being of rare occurrence in Ching Chou, the inhabitants of that city thought that they were under the special dispensation of Providence, and hence neglected to have their fire engines kept in a proper state of efficiency; so that what would under any other circumstance have been a slight fire, was, owing to the uselessness of the fire engines, the cause of a loss amounting to over one million taels and the sacrifice of many lives. The Government, however, were glad to hear, have come generously to the aid of the burnt-out people; the Fui of Hunan having appropriated sixty thousand taels of the public funds to be distributed amongst them. In addition to this sum, the gentry of the neighbouring cities have sent "Famine Commissioners" to Ching-chou with about one hundred thousand taels.

A DRAMA, written in more or less distant times, by an amateur, contained the following speech by the hero: "By the intervention of the invisible hand of Providence, I have been prevented from precipitating myself at your feet, for the entire abolition of the collectaneous calamity which has been so slanderously conglomerated upon the unblinded and unsophisticated face of my stainless reputation, and with which I have been so maliciously circumscribed, that I apprehended the most mountainous, colossal, and Herculean difficulties in perfectly discarding the same from the criminal machinations, in which I had been so unmercifully involved. But, O thou superhuman fair one, do not be deceived by the moveless stability and fathomless profundity of my love; for the monocular autocrat of hell shall cease to irradiate the umbrageous recesses of the forest; the translucent queen of night shall cease to perambulate the diaphanous and stellerous concavity of the cerulean heavens; the horridous roaring of heaven's artillery shall cease to bellow forth its terrific peal; the forked coruscations of the skies shall discontinue to blaze forth their sulphurous, igneous fulgur from the igniferous clouds; before my love shall be extinguished, and oh angel of my heart! could the manifestation of the keenest pangs of conscience, raise me but a millionth part of an inch into thy favour, I would at once begin to pour forth such a flood of tears, that were the world, on fire, they would drown the wrath of heaven and quench the mighty ruin."

WHEN the China Squadron is here, we have periodically, after "general liberty" days, had to record some misdoings on the part of the British fleet, but it must be admitted that Jack is a lot more hearable on these occasions than the "furn" man-of-war man. Yesterday afternoon a lot of sailors from the Brazilian corvette got down Talingshan way, and following their instincts, began to "hijack" every body. Some of them went into the Globe Hotel, and had drinks for which they wouldn't pay. Detective Sergeant Haddon, who was passing, was called in, and was very quickly surrounded by a lot of rowdies. For about a quarter of an hour a royal row raged, a few constables and a great many British sailors shipping in. In the end two men were arrested, the others, particularly Haddon, were pretty badly used up, what with kicks, blows from sticks, and rolling in the gutter. A third sailor was caught in a tea-chest maker's shop, under rather ludicrous circumstances. The shop was obstructed with a pile of boxes, and when he took refuge in the place he tried to clamber over them, but fell down, and got so jammed that all the boxes had to be taken away before he could get out. Mr. Wodehouse, who did not seem to appreciate the serious nature of the disturbance, only fined the leading spirits, and the others 2s each. It is said that these Spanish and Brazilian sailors bring knives ashore. If any are caught using them, we hope a thorough example will be made.

LADY LAWYER: "I demand the discharge of my client, your Honor." Counsel for Plaintiff: "May I ask upon what grounds?" Lady Lawyer: "Well—because."

"WHAT was it," asked the Sunday-school teacher, "that first caused the downfall of man?" "The forbidden fruit," replied the class in concert. "That's right. A d now what kind of fruit was it?" There was a silent pause, and then the offspring of a newspaper funny spoke up. "I don't know what it was then, but it's a chestnut now."

THE Chinese newspaper *Yat Tsai Yat Po*, published at the *China Mail* office, although a conspicuous financial failure for the late season, is reported to have been taken over by a company of Chinese in this colony, who intend to make it the most liberal Chinese paper published in Hongkong. It will not be connected in any way with the *China Mail*, except so far as the connection between lesor and lessee are concerned. A Cantonese of reputed high literary attainments has been especially retained as "leader" writer.

THE *Scientific American* tells us that sugar, for centuries after its introduction, was used only medicinally. Even in the tenth century it seems to have been unknown as an article of diet. But the same was true of alcohol. In the Middle Ages, no form was used as a drink in the Middle Ages. Our foods and drinks of to-day are almost altogether recent inventions and discoveries. Our fruits are new, or so greatly improved as to be unrecognizable; and the same is true of our vegetables. Potatoes and tomatoes came into general use at a very recent date. The probabilities are that another century will place on our tables a great deal of food produced directly in the laboratory, as sugar is, and not a product of natural growth.

THE one-cent fines which Mr. Robinson imposed yesterday have not passed without comment. Mr. Denny, attended the Police Court this morning on behalf of the Opium Farmer, and applied for a re-hearing of the smuggling case reported in last night's issue, in which a young coolie who was caught with thirty taels of opium on him, was fined a cent, in consideration of his stating the name of the individual from whom he got it. Mr. Denny urged on his Worship that the fine was most inadequate, and that the Opium Farmer, who contributed some eleven hundred dollars a day to the public purse, was entitled to the most stringent protection, but the magistrate, whilst agreeing that, in the new light which had been thrown upon the case, he might have been more severe, declined to re-open the case. "It was right," it would be monstrous to review a sentence for the purpose of increasing it.

A TELEGRAM has been received by the Chinese officials at Canton, to the effect that His Excellency Li Han (hang has asked and received the permission of the Throne for one month's *cong*, on the ground of sickness. From this message telegram, those who are *in fact* matters official, think that they see the very probable reason for the absence of the Liang Wang does not care to come to Canton, in spite of the express wishes of his younger brother, the Viceroy of Chihli. Taking the matter in the light of the regular methods that obtain in such cases, this theory is a plausible one. H.E. Li Han-chang, having obtained one month's leave of absence, will, after the expiration of the term, ask for another month's holiday, and so on, until at last he will actually refuse to come on the ground of old age and the consequent infirmity. H.E. Chang Chih-lung appears to believe in this theory, for he has ordered all the public works to start again which, after the Edict came, he had ordered should be temporarily stopped. This means that Chang Chih-lung does not intend to leave Canton for some time to come.

THE SANITARY BOARD.

Quite a good meeting of the Sanitary Board this afternoon. Only the three doctors and Mr. Humphreys absent. Mr. R. K. Leigh and Mr. Cooper had places at the Board, and the King of Siam was in attendance. Board plunged at once into the orders of the day. First item—Correspondence relating to the enforcement of the Drainage Bye laws. It was read. First letter, a satirical epistle from Mr. Cooper. Second one, a letter from Messrs. Danby and Leigh. Mr. Francis suggested that Mr. Leigh should unburden himself on the subject. Mr. Leigh accordingly did so. Said in the first place, that the Board's Surveyor had never formally approved of his firm's plans, as their "Bye-laws" said he ought. Then, again, the Surveyor had not surveyed some drains within the proper time, and imperilled a lot of work. Also replied to Mr. Cooper's satire, which implied incompetence of the firm's officers, and ventilated a number of grievances against the Board's officer, and wound up with an assurance that he had no interest in not meeting the Board's views. Mr. Cooper was then desired to let himself loose. Reply feeble, taken all round. Didn't get up to address the Board, for one thing. Mr. Francis summed up. Thought it was the Board, more than either Mr. Leigh or Mr. Cooper, that was to blame. Bye-laws very defective. Suggested that the drains, over which the trouble began, should be passed. Mr. Cooper thought the Board evidently with Mr. Cooper in requiring an inspection of every bit of drain, as it went along. Mr. Leigh thought the Board didn't know how to read the Ordinance—the section about inspection meant that the Surveyor should inspect sample patches. Discussion thereon cut short by the President pointing out that the bye-laws could be squared up by-and-by. As Surveyor, General, he might mention that he had reason to believe that there was a good deal of dissatisfaction among that section of the community interested in the Public Health Ordinance, who thought there were many modifications of the bye-laws desirable. He suggested that these individuals should be asked to send in an expression of opinion to the Board, for its consideration. Mr. Francis moved that the plans in contention be let go, this time. At the time of going to press, Board still discussing.

HONGKONG'S FIRE-EXTINGUISHING FACILITIES.

The effect of the Fire Inquiry Ordinance, added to that of the combined action of the Insurance companies in refusing small Chinese risks, has been that this year we have hardly had a dozen fires altogether, instead of a hundred, as in similar periods in previous years. But our comparative immunity from this source has not lulled the authorities into a false sense of security. Hongkong is a mighty awkward place when fires do break out, from its configuration, and although we have half-a-dozen fine steam fire-engines and as many manuals, there is no certainty that the conflagration of 1878 may not at any time be repeated. The great want is a proper water supply. At present the only certain supply, in case of fire, is from the harbour. From there, for five or six hundred feet, the tiers of houses stretch away in clusters up the hill-side, and above that, many large terraces are scattered at varying altitudes. A very important—indeed a "burning" question, for many years has been—How can a stream of water be obtained there for fire-extinguishing purposes? The mains are not to be relied upon. The Robinson Road tank distributes Puk-fu-lum water over Caine Road and a few upper streets, and a lower tank feeds two seven-inch mains which run—one, eastward as far as the City Hall, and the other as far west as Tai-ping-shan. When the houses are supplied there is a moderately strong pressure obtainable from these pipes, nearly all the twenty-four hours, in the summer time, but in the winter, when the rainfall is practically nil, the supply is limited to a few hours daily. Fire-pipes are distributed plentifully, there being one about every hundred yards, generally where two streets cross. But the pipes are not used as they are a pressure behind them, and at present that is too precarious to be relied upon. The much-vaunted Tysons supply, that was turned on last December, is not the least use; there are no pipes laid for its distribution, except as far as the Victoria Hotel, and it will probably be a couple of years before the mains are down, and filled. It will therefore be seen that the only certain apparatus for extinguishing fires in the colony are the fire-engines. On the level, near the Harbour, they are all that could be wished, but on the hill-side, where the houses are, they are not. Above the Caine Road, above the Puk-fu-lum level, if a fire broke out there to-day all that could be done would be to set one engine on the Praya to pump water to another on Queen's Road, which would force it, in turn, to the Hollywood Road level, where a third engine would send it on to Caine Road. Higher than that they could not go. After the great fire of 1878, to which we have referred, the question of constructing a reservoir at a sufficient height to supply water at any level on which buildings existed, had not been considered, and it could be done for something like \$50,000, were it not for the fact that the official members. But matters of more immediate importance absorbed the attention of the Surveyor—general—the Hon. J. M. P. had a few "monuments" in his eye—and although the question has never really lapsed, nothing has ever been done. It has been revived recently, by the Hon. H. E. Wodehouse, Superintendent of the Fire Brigade, but the idea must be considerably expanded of it to take a material shape to-day. Extensive buildings have been, and are still going on up the hill-side, the Albany, Queen's Gardens and other residential localities claim protection, and to construct a reservoir of the required capacity, somewhere above the Albany reservoir, would be very much over the original modest fifty thousand. We don't think it could ever have been done for the last sum—Mr. Price never intended to go through with the scheme, to the strangling of his own costly bantlings, so he estimated at random. But such a work, if proceeded with at once, will take a long time, and the need may arise very soon. But still either it or the Tysons supply get under way, the Fire Brigade will be helpless. Mr. Wodehouse, besides agitating in this matter, has devised a very useful apparatus for use wherever any pressure can be obtained. It is called the "Hydrant Despatch Box." It is apparently because it isn't a box, but a barrow. It has three compartments, each containing a hundred feet of hose, and there are also a stand-pipe, for attaching to the main, a branch-pipe, or nozzle, a fire-plug-key, for pulling off the plug cover, and a spanner, for turning the water on. The Spanner and the plug-key will be there are fire-plugs every three or four hundred feet, so that no fire can occur very far from one. Anybody can run with the barrow to the plug nearest to the place, lift off the cover, screw the stand-pipe on, attach the first length of hose, and then trundle the "Despatch Box" towards the fire, paying out hose as he goes. The end of the length will have to be disengaged when reached, and attached to the second length, if necessary. When a sufficient length of hose has been obtained, the jet must be screwed on, and some reliable bystander—a policeman, say—will take it, while the man in charge stands back to turn on the water. A trial was made near the City Hall, yesterday afternoon, and a jet was obtained in from 21 to 25 minutes. These "Boxes" can be made and fitted for about \$80, and if the idea commends itself to many private individuals, as it probably will, they will be so spread over the city that one will always be handy. Until they become general, Mr. Wodehouse's idea is to have a few established by the Government at regular intervals, where a comable one else can be readily got. They will supplement the existing provision of *extinctors*, hand-pumps, &c. The model which gave satisfactory results yesterday may be seen at No. 5 Station.

LATE TELEGRAMS.

CAIRO, August 17th.
General Grenfell arrived here to-day.

ST. PETERSBURG, August 18th.
The Czar starts for Copenhagen on the 23rd inst. and from thence proceeds to Potsdam on the 16th September.

It is authoritatively announced that the report that the Queen intended going for a trip to the Continent without the Queen, is without foundation. The Queen visits Liangnan on the 26th of August, and drives twenty miles through the Vale of Llangollen to the seat of Sir Theodore Martin.

BERLIN, August 18th.
The interviews here between Prince Bismarck and Count Kalnoky have led to a modification of the terms of the Austro-Germanic Treaty Alliance. As originally adopted, any attack on the vital interests of either nation was to be repelled by both. In the revised treaty the terms used are "any menace of the vital interests of either."

LONDON, August 18th.
The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s mail steamer *Peninsular*, homeward bound from Bombay, has run ashore in the Bitter Lakes and Suez Canal.

In the House of Commons, Mr. Labouchere asked whether it was true that during the visit of Emperor William to England, the British Government promised to support the Triple Alliance against France and Russia in the event of war between the two latter Powers and the Powers forming the alliance. Sir James Fergusson, in reply, confirmed the previous assurance he had made on the subject, and said that the Government had no intention of supporting the Triple Alliance. He said, "I am not sure that Mr. Labouchere's question is not a little premature, as it is not yet clear what the Emperor's intentions are. As far as the Triple Alliance is concerned, the British Government has no intention of supporting it. The Triple Alliance is a purely continental matter, and it is not for the British Government to interfere in it. 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Commercial.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

Hongkong and Shanghai Bank—177 per cent. premium, ex div., sellers.
 Union Insurance Society of Canton—\$100 per share, buyers.
 China Traders' Insurance Company—\$81 per share, buyers.
 North China Insurance—Tls. 330 per share, buyers.
 Canton Insurance Company, Limited—\$140 per share, buyers.
 Yangtze Insurance Association—Tls. 100 per share, buyers.
 On Tai Insurance Company, Limited—Tls. 150 per share, buyers.
 Hongkong Fire Insurance Company—\$385 per share, sellers.
 China Fire Insurance Company—\$85 per share, sellers.
 Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company—70 per cent. premium, buyers.
 Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Co.—\$41 per share, sellers.
 China and Manila Steam Ship Company—137 per share, sellers.
 Hongkong Gas Company—\$135 per share, sellers.
 Hongkong Hotel Company—\$210 per share, sellers.
 Hongkong Hotel Co.'s Six per cent. Debentures—\$501.
 Indo-China Steam Navigation Company, Limited—100 per cent. div., sellers.
 Douglas Steamship Company—\$83 per share, sellers.
 China Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$256 per share, ex div., sellers.
 Luxon Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$95 per share, buyers.
 Hongkong Ice Company—\$105 per share, buyers.
 Hongkong and China Bakery Company, Limited—\$40 per share, sellers.
 Hongkong Dairy Farm Co., Limited—\$14 per share, sellers.
 A. S. Watson & Co., Limited—\$22 per share, sellers.
 Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884 B—21 per cent. premium, sellers.
 Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884 C—5 per cent. premium, buyers.
 Chinese Imperial Loan of 1886 E—11 per cent. premium.
 Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Company, Limited—\$150 per share, nominal.
 The Hongkong Steam Laundry Co., Ltd.—\$25 per share, nominal.
 Punjion and Sunghie Doo Samantian Mining Co., Ltd.—\$22 per share, buyers.
 Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company—\$170 per share, sales and buyers.
 Tongkoo Coal Mining Co.—\$550 per share, sellers.
 The Hongkong High-Level Tramway Co., Limited—210 per cent. prem., sellers.
 The East Homeo Planting Co., Limited—\$50 per share, sellers.
 The Seng Kee Planting Co., Ltd.—\$45 per share, buyers.
 Crickshank & Co., Ltd.—\$40 per share, nom.
 The Steam Laundry Co., Limited—nominal.
 The Austin Arms Hotel and Building Co., Ltd.—per share, nominal.
 The China-Borneo Co., Ltd.—\$43 per share, buyers.
 The Hongkong Brick and Cement Co., Ltd.—\$18 per share, sellers.
 The Green Island Cement Co. (Old issue)—\$45 per share, buyers.
 The Green Island Cement Co. (New issue)—\$81 per share, nominal.
 The Hongkong Land Investment Co., Ltd.—\$136 per share, buyers.
 The Hongkong Electric Light Co., Ltd.—\$6 per share, buyers.
 Geo. Fenwick & Co., Limited—\$28 per share, buyers.
 The West Point Buildings Co., Ltd.—\$53 per share, buyers.
 The Peak Hotel and Trading Co., Ltd.—\$25 per share, buyers.
 The Likuk Planting Co., Ltd.—\$17 per share, buyers.
 The Jebleu Mining and Trading Co., Ltd.—\$61 per share, sellers.
 The Selama Tin Mining Co., Ltd.—\$44 per share, buyers.
 The Shamshen Hotel Co., Ltd.—\$5 per share, nominal.
 The Kowloon Land Investment Co., Ltd.—\$21 per share, sellers.

ON LONDON.—BANK, T. T.

Bank Bills, on demand.....3/0
 Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight.....3/0
 Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight.....3/1
 Credits at 4 months' sight.....3/1
 Documentary Bills, at 4 months' sight.....3/1

ON PARIS.—BANK, T. T.

Bank Bills, on demand.....3/8
 Credits at 4 months' sight.....3/9
 On India, T. T.224
 On Demand.....225

ON SHANGHAI.—BANK, T. T.

Bank, T. T.72
 Private, 30 days' sight.....73

OPIUM MARKET.—THIS DAY.

OLD MALWA, per picul.....\$600
 (Allowance, Tels. 50)
 NEW PATNA, (without choice) per chest.....\$517
 NEW PATNA, (first choice) per chest.....\$520
 NEW PATNA, (bottom) per chest.....\$521
 NEW PATNA, (second choice) per chest.....\$525
 NEW BENARES, (without choice) per chest.....\$502
 NEW BENARES, (bottom) per chest.....\$510
 NEW PERSIAN (best quality) per picul.....\$550
 OLD PERSIAN (best quality) per picul.....\$550
 OLD PERSIAN (second quality) per picul.....\$475

MAILS EXPECTED.

THE FRENCH MAIL.

The Messageries Maritime Co.'s steamer *Natal*, with the French mail of the 10th ultimo, left Singapore at 5 a.m. on the 4th instant, and may be expected here on or about the 10th.

THE AMERICAN MAIL.

The P. M. S. S. Co.'s steamer *City of Peking*, with mails from San Francisco of 13th ultimo, left Yokohama on the morning of the 3rd instant, and may be expected here on or about the 9th.

THE CANADIAN MAIL.

The Canadian Pacific steamer *Batavia*, with the Canadian mail, from Vancouver, left Yokohama on the 29th ultimo, and is due here on the 4th instant.

The Canadian Pacific steamer *Port Augusta*, with the Canadian mail, left Vancouver on the afternoon of the 23rd ultimo for Yokohama and Hongkong.

STEAMERS EXPECTED.

The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s extra steamer *Khiva*, from Bombay, left Singapore on the 2nd instant, and may be expected here on or about the 8th.
 The "Shire" line steamer *Cardiganhire*, from London, left Singapore on the 3rd instant, and is due here on the 9th.

Shipping.

ARRIVALS.

BENWATY, British steamer, 1,110, Le Boulleir, 2d Sept.,—Saigon 30th August, Rice and General.—Gibb, Livingston & Co.
 BAYERN, German steamer, 2,877, F. Meygel, 3rd Sept.,—Bremen 24th July, and Singapore 31st August, General.—Melchers & Co.
 SIGNAL, German steamer, 384, Meyer, 3rd Sept.,—Nagasaki 28th August, Coal.—Meyer & Co.
 BELLEPHON, British steamer, 1,356, W. E. Guthrie, 3rd Sept.,—Shanghai 28th August, General.—Butterfield & Swire.
 PHRA CHOM KLAO, British steamer, 1,011, W. H. Watton, 4th Sept.,—Bangkok 29th August, General.—Yuen Fat Hong.
 KIEL, German steamer, 851, Krutzfeld, 4th Sept.,—Whampoa 4th Sept., General.—Wieler & Co.
 AMOY, German steamer, 814, R. Kohler, 4th Sept.,—Whampoa 4th Sept., General.—Siemssen & Co.

CLEARANCES AT THE HARBOUR OFFICE.
Airlie, British steamer, for Port Darwin, &c. 4th, German steamer, for Saigon.
Bellerophon, British steamer, for Singapore, &c. 4th, German steamer, for Haiphong.

DEPARTURES.

September 4, *Duburg*, German steamer, for Amoy.
 September 4, *Kwanglee*, Chinese steamer, for Whampoa.
 September 4, *Fidelio*, German steamer, for Swatow.
 September 4, *Nansing*, British steamer, for Amoy.
 September 4, *Namoa*, British steamer, for Swatow, &c.

PASSENGERS ARRIVED.

Per *Bellerophon*, str., from Shanghai—Capt. Farrow, Mr. G. Slade, and 17 Chinese.
 Per *Phra Chom Kiao*, str., from Bangkok—125 Chinese.
 Per *Benarty*, str., from Saigon—40 Chinese.
 Per *Bayern*, str., from Bremen, &c.—Messrs. Haviland, E. von Blume, O. Schanz, H. Hoffmann, von Pustau, A. Ferber, and Darby, and 330 Chinese.
 TO DEPART.
 Per *Kiel*, str., for Saigon—12 Chinese.
 Per *Bellerophon*, str., for Singapore—6 Europeans and 342 Chinese.
 Per *Marie*, str., for Haiphong—Mr. and Mrs. Devaux, Mr. de Luz, and 18 Chinese.
 Per *Airlie*, str., for Timor—Mr. and Mrs. F. Elvinn, Mrs. L. Elvinn, Mr. and Mrs. Bettencourt, Mrs. A. Robas, Misses C. de Paulo, A. de Paulo, Captain Az do, Messrs. M. Nunes, Antonio F. do Rozario, Xerxes Ussom, Antonio Antunes, 3 Eur. peans, and 5 Chinese.
 Per *Port Darwin*, str., for A. E. Haviland, for Townsville—Mr. T. W. B. Jones, Mr. Melbourne, Mr. F. A. Burton, For Sydney—Mrs. Nunnishima, Messrs. John Smith, James Clarke, and Yend.

REPORTS.

The British steamship *Bellerophon* reports that she left Shanghai on the 29th ultimo. Had fine weather throughout.
 The British steamship *Benarty* reports that she left Saigon on the 30th ultimo. Had fine weather and light southerly winds throughout.
 The British steamship *Phra Chom Kiao* reports that she left Bangkok on the 29th ultimo. Had light winds and fine weather throughout.
 The German steamship *Signal* reports that she left Nagasaki on the 28th ultimo. The first part of the passage had fresh northerly winds, and the latter part had fine weather throughout.

Post Office.

A MAIL WILL CLOSE
 For Straits and London.—Per *Bellerophon*, to-morrow, the 5th instant, at 10.30 A.M.
 For Yokohama.—Per *General Werder*, to-morrow, the 5th instant, at 11.30 A.M.
 For Shanghai.—Per *Bayern*, to-morrow, the 5th instant, at 11.30 A.M.
 For Swatow and Tientsin.—Per *Kwanglee*, to-morrow, the 5th instant, at 11.30 A.M.
 For Yokohama and Kobe.—Per *Gwa Quan Sia*, to-morrow, the 5th instant, at 2.30 P.M.
 For Hongkong, Sydney, and Melbourne.—Per *Kiel*, to-morrow, the 5th instant, at 3.30 P.M.
 For Saigon.—Per *Ashington*, to-morrow, the 5th instant, at 4.30 P.M.
 For Amoy and Manila.—Per *Zafra*, to-morrow, the 5th instant, at 4.30 P.M.

SHIPPING IN HONGKONG.

STEAMERS.

AIRLIE, British steamer, 1,492, Winthrop Ellis, 26th August,—Sydney 3rd August, and Port Penang 18th, Coals and General.—Russell & Co.
 ARRATON AICAR, British steamer, 1,392, J. G. O'Brien, 1st Sept.,—Calcutta 16th August, Penang 24th, and Singapore 27th, Opium and General.—D. Sassoon, Sons & Co.
 ASHINGTON, German steamer, 809, Zindal, 30th August,—Saigon 26th August, Rice.—Siemssen & Co.
 BELIC, British steamer, 4,211, Walker, 28th August,—San Francisco 3rd August, and Yokohama 2nd, Mails and General.—O. & S. N. Co.
 BORMIDA, Italian steamer, 1,499, Emilio De Negri, 27th August,—Singapore 21st August, General.—Carlowitz & Co.
 DON JUAN, Spanish steamer, 6, J. J. Marques, 1st Sept.,—Manila 29th August, General.—Brandão & Co.
 FORNOSA, British steamer, 674, T. Hall, 1st Sept.,—Keelung 30th August, Coal.—D. Lapralle & Co.
 FRIGATA, German steamer, 1,400, F. Nagel, 2d Sept.,—Kobe 28th August, General.—Siemssen & Co.
 GENERAL WERDER, German steamer, 1,830, M. Eichel, 28th August,—Yokohama 18th August, Mails and General.—Melchers & Co.
 GWALLOR, British steamer, 1,502, W. J. Nantes, 27th August,—Yokohama 18th August, Mails and General.—P. & O. S. N. Co.
 GAW YUAN SIA, British steamer, 1,607, T. P. Harris, 1st Sept.,—London, and Singapore 26th August, General.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
 JOHANN, German steamer, 395, Benge, 31st August,—Hohow 27th August, and Pakhoi 29th, General.—Wieler & Co.
 KENT, British steamer, 1,620, F. Johnson, 1st Sept.,—Kobe 25th August, General and Coal.—Gibb, Livingston & Co.
 KWONGSANG, British steamer, 988, T. Sellar, 30th August,—Swatow 29th August, Ballast.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
 MARIE, German steamer, 704, Hundewald, 31st August,—Haiphong 29th August, Rice.—A. & M. Ruy.
 MELBOMENE, Austro-Hungarian steamer, 1,043, E. Perini, 3rd Sept.,—Bombay 13th August, and Singapore 28th, General.—D. Sassoon, Sons & Co.
 MIKE MARU, Japanese steamer, 2,380, E. Sommers, 1st September,—Kutchinotsu 28th August, Coals.—Mitsui Bussan Kaisha.
 ZAVINO, British steamer, 675, McCaslin, 2d Sept.,—Manila 31st August, General.—Russell & Co.

HONGKONG—SAILING VESSELS.

ALICIA, Hawaiian bark, 607, J. Brodhurst, 16th August,—Albany, West Australia, 10th July, Sandanwood.—Order.
 AMPHITRITE, German ship, 1,814, A. Bower, 15th July,—Cardiff 6th March, Coal.—Order.
 AUSTRALIA, British bark, 929, Wm. Harris, 11th June,—Manila 31st May, Ballast.—Order.
 CHARGER, American ship, 1,379, D. S. Goodell, 28th June,—San Diego, Cal., 18th April, Ballast.—Russell & Co.
 COMET, German ship, 1,663, R. Krippner, 21st July,—Cardiff 15th March, Coals.—Melchers & Co.
 CONQUEROR, American ship, 1,540, A. D. Lathrop, 17th June,—Anjer 1st June, Ballast.—Reuter, Brockmann & Co.
 ERLKONIG, Chinese bark, 457, Opium Examination, hulk, Stonecutters' Island.—Chinese Customs.
 GOLIAH, Siamese bark, 542, Jas. Kent, 16th August,—Bangkok 2nd August, Rose Wood.—Chinese.
 GUSTAV OSCAR, German bark, 1,352, M. Lee-mann, 4th July,—Cardiff 25th Feb., Coal.—Melchers & Co.
 HARVEST QUEEN, British ship, 2,020, E. A. Forsyth, 16th August,—New York, and Singapore 2nd August, Kerosene Oil.—Russell & Co.
 HAVIN, British bark, 821, C. H. Haven, 21st July,—Hollo 12th July, Ballast and Sapanwood.—Captains.
 IRENE, American brig, 467, James W. Yates, 11th July,—Newcastle, N.S.W., 10th May, Coal.—Geo. R. Stevens & Co.
 JOSEPHUS, American ship, 1,470, T. M. Rogers, 13th June,—Newcastle, N.S.W., 16th April, Coals.—Butterfield & Swire.
 KITTY, British bark, 802, H. Wilson, 30th Aug.,—Portland, Oregon 9th July, Lumber.—D. Musso & Co.
 MARTHA DAVIS, American bark, 832, Pendleton, 13th June, Tjilatjap 28th April, Ballast.—Russell & Co.
 MAUNA LOA, British bark, 1,071, A. Douglas, 28th August,—Sigon 21st August, Ballast.—Siemssen & Co.
 OMKOA, British bark, 480, Brown, 2nd August,—Yokohama 4th June, Ballast.—Order.
 REPORTER, American ship, 1,285, J. Spalding, 30th August,—Newcastle, N.S.W., 11th July, Coal.—Order.
 ROBERT S. DEK'ARD, British bark, 1,200, M. J. C. A. Drews, 17th August,—Newcastle, N.S.W., 29th June, Coal.—Adamson, Bell & Co.
 RICHARD PARSONS, American bark, 1,116, W. F. Thorndike, 7th June,—Newcastle 17th April, Coal.—Wieler & Co.
 SAM MENDEL, British bark, 1,017, D. Gower, 28th August,—Newcastle, N.S.W., 6th July, Coal.—Wieler & Co.
 SEA WITCH, American ship, 1,279, Chas. H. Tabbot, Newcastle, N.S.W., May 21st, Coal.—Captains.
 ST. JULIEN, British bark, 1,049, W. J. King, 28th August,—New York 4th August, Petroleum.—Russell & Co.
 VALKRIEN, British bark, 498, Baikie, 16th August,—Freemantle 13th July, Sandalwood.—Order.
 VIOLETT, American ship, 1,733, Wm. H. Gould, 2nd July,—Amoy 30th June, Kerosene Oil.—Russell & Co.

For Sale.

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 Hongkong, 27th August, 1889. [1068]

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 Hongkong, 10th June, 1888. [763]

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 \$3 PRICE THREE DOLLARS, EACH \$3 REPAIRS NEVER EXCEED 50 CENTS for each Watch.
 Orders from Outports to be accompanied with Remittance for Cost.
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 No. 48, Queen's Road Central. [742]

STEAMERS EXPECTED IN HONGKONG.

STEAMERS.	FROM.	DATE DUE.	AGENTS.
Batavia	Vancouver	September 4th.....	Adamson, Bell & Co.
Khiva	Bombay	September 8th.....	P. & O. S. N. Co.
City of Peking	San Francisco	September 9th.....	Pacific Mail S. S. Co.
Cardiganhire	London	September 9th.....	Adamson, Bell & Co.
Natal	Marseilles	September 10th.....	Messageries Maritimes.

STEAMERS LOADING IN HONGKONG.

DESTINATION.	VESSELS.	AGENTS.	DATE OF LEAVING.
London, &c. via Suez Canal	Rehilla	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Sept. 17th, at noon.
London (direct)	Shanghai	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About Sept. 14, noon.
London, via Suez Canal	Bellerophon	Butterfield & Swire.	To-day.
London, via Suez Canal	Bengloe	Gibb, Livingston & Co.	About Sept. 9th.
Marseilles, via Saigon, &c.	Volga	Messageries Maritimes.	Sept. 12th, at noon.
Havre, London, &c.	Carmanthenshire	Adamson, Bell & Co.	About Sept. 7th.
Bremer, via Ports of Call.	Frigga	Siemssen & Co.	Sept. 6th, at 10 a.m.
Genoa, via Bombay, &c.	Bayern	Melchers & Co.	Sept. 25th, at 4 p.m.
Tricette, via Straits, &c.	Bormida	Carlowitz & Co.	Sept. 6th, at noon.
San Francisco, via Yama	Melpomene	Austro-Hung. Lloyd's Co.	Sept. 10th, at noon.
San Francisco, via Amoy	City of Peking	Pacific Mail S. S. Co.	Sept. 19th, at 1 p.m.
Vancouver, B.C., via K. &c.	Belgie	O. & S. S. Co.	Sept. 17th, at 1 p.m.
Sydney, Melbourne, &c.	Atania	Adamson, Bell & Co.	Sept. 12th, at noon.
Australian Ports, &c.	Kent	Russell & Co.	To-morrow, daylight.
Port Darwin, &c.	Chingtu	Gibb, Livingston & Co.	To-morrow, at 4 p.m.
Calcutta, via Straits, &c.	Arratoon Apcar	Butterfield & Swire.	September 22nd.
Straits, Colombo & Bombay	Gwalior	D. Sassoon, Sons & Co.	Sept. 4th, at noon.
Sandakan, Kudat, &c.	Mennon	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Sept. 12th, at noon.
Yokohama, via Nag, &c.	Verona	Butterfield & Swire.	Sept. 13th, daylight.
Yokohama and Kobe	Gaw Quan Sia	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	To-morrow, at 3 p.m.
Yokohama, Kobe, &c.	General Werder	Melchers & Co.	To-morrow, at noon.
Nagasaki, Kobe, &c.	Cardiganhire	Adamson, Bell & Co.	September 10th.
Shanghai	Kwongsang	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	To-morrow, at noon.
Shanghai	Kutsang	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	To-morrow, at 3 p.m.
Shanghai	Amoy	Siemssen & Co.	Sept. 7th, at 4 p.m.
Manila, via Amoy	Bayern	Melchers & Co.	To-morrow, at noon.
Hohow, Singapore, &c.	Zafiro	Russell & Co.	To-morrow, at 1 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy, &c.	Almora	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	About Sept. 10th.
	Formosa	Douglas Laiprak & Co.	Sept. 6th, at 10 a.m.

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 Hongkong, 11th March, 1889. [318]

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 Hongkong, 6th June, 1889. [703]

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 Hongkong, 4th August, 1889. [1077]